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METHOD, AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM  
INCLUDING THE SAME

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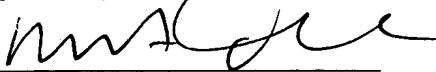
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 07-146870  
discloses a document filing system which provides document or page  
relations for document management.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 05-225247  
discloses a method for displaying an inter-document structure by  
extracting relations between plural documents through keyword  
searching.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 09-062658  
discloses an inter-document link processing system which creates  
links between documents by managing the use history of respective  
users.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 09-081592  
discloses a document management device which assigns a document  
class, a keyword and a keyword class to each of plural documents in  
order for document management.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 09-330312  
discloses a document management system in which referenced  
document attribute information concerning a referenced document is  
stored when storing a source document, and the stored information is  
taken out for making reference thereto when the source document is  
opened subsequently.

The above is discussed in the introductory part of the  
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